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## Go Clean!



Make your business environmentally friendly and reap the rewards! The City of Chula Vista's new CLEAN Business program helps local companies "go green." Our team of experts, representing a collaborative effort by a variety of city departments, is working together to encourage businesses to preserve resources—which in turn, saves them money.

For instance, our team members will advise businesses on the most cost effective trash and recycling services, water and energy conservation, and pollution reduction best practice. They're prepared with an integrated list of useful tips and support services that will make saving easy. Businesses

that qualify will be recognized on the City's CLEAN business web site and marketing materials. And this integrated assistance and advice doesn't cost a dime.

The CLEAN Business program brings all of the City's environmental services together, under one umbrella. It's one-stop shopping for questions about environmental regulations, recycling, conservation, and storm water management.

What is a CLEAN business? It's a company that practices waste reduction, recycling, conservation and pollution prevention. It's a business that uses renewable resources and operates in a responsible way, protecting the environment.

Why is this program valuable to the rest of the community? More and more people are becoming aware that the choices they make in their everyday lives have an impact on the environment. As they become more tuned in to the global effort and importance of "going green," they appreciate and want to patronize businesses that think like they do. Green conscious consumers want to feel good about where they spend their dollars.

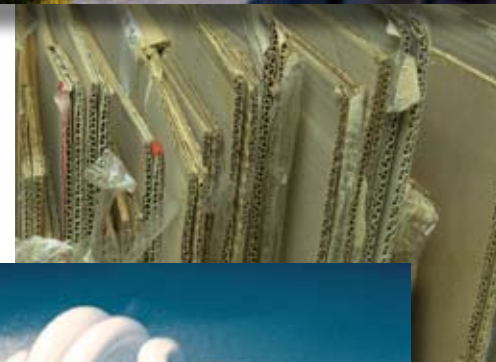
The same applies to other businesses. Environmentally friendly businesses want to work with like-minded companies.

By becoming a CLEAN business, companies can build valuable partnerships and raise their profile. The CLEAN Business program is so vital to Chula Vista's quality of life, it's been endorsed by the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce and TAVA (Third Avenue Village Association).

Download an application and brochure and read all about the program at [www.chulavista.gov/clean](http://www.chulavista.gov/clean). And coming soon on the website—look for the list of local program participants. On our site, CLEAN businesses will get the recognition they deserve for the important contribution they're making to the community.

If you're trying to identify a CLEAN business, watch for the special decal in the window.

For more information about the CLEAN Business program, call (619) 397-6078.



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## Housing News

**Interested in purchasing a home?** The City has a down payment and closing cost assistance program that can provide first-time homebuyers with up to \$70,000 towards the purchase of a foreclosed property in the City of Chula Vista. You could qualify if your family of four earns less than \$86,500. For specific program eligibility and details, visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/cvrh](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/cvrh). To be approved for assistance, you must take a required HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) certified Homebuyer Education class. Two classes have been scheduled in Chula Vista—February 21 (Spanish) and February 28 (English). The class offers valuable information on the basics of homeownership and will include details about the Chula Vista assistance program. In order to enroll in one of the classes or find out about other scheduled class dates, please call Community HousingWorks at (619) 282-6647 ext. 5465.



**New Neighborhood Stabilization Funds.** Recently, HUD approved the City's \$2.8 million plan focused on reviving neighborhoods hit hard by foreclosures. Across the country, HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is pumping federal dollars into communities experiencing exceptionally high foreclosure problems. Local governments have developed plans for spending the HUD dollars, and recently Chula Vista was given the green light to move forward with its plans. NSP funds may be used to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes/properties and/or to rehabilitate, resell or redevelop these homes. A key component of Chula Vista's plan is to provide down payment assistance for low and moderate income first-time buyers purchasing foreclosed properties.

Another part of the plan is to create permanent rental housing opportunities for very-low income residents. To see a copy of the approved plan and find out if you're eligible, visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/cvrh](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/cvrh). Look for more information when City staff puts together a series of educational events for the public leading up to March 3 when the Chula Vista City Council is expected to appropriate the NSP funds.

**Distressed homeowner?** The City has partnered with the Housing Opportunities Collaborative to host a HOME Clinic (Home Owners Mobile Education) at the Monteville Community Park Multipurpose Hall, 840 Duncan Ranch Road, from 10 am–3 pm on April 4. The Clinic offers an opportunity for homeowners having difficulty making mortgage payments, to receive one-on-one counseling with foreclosure specialists.

To reserve a space at the clinic, call (800) 462-0503 or email [homeclinic@housingcollaborative.org](mailto:homeclinic@housingcollaborative.org). For more information visit [www.housingcollaborative.org](http://www.housingcollaborative.org).



## Revitalizing Broadway

Chula Vista's Redevelopment Agency is serving as a catalyst for change along the City's Broadway corridor. The agency is helping to direct and fund the Broadway Economic Revitalization Strategy, a business development program focused on bringing a new look and more customers to the commercial district between D Street and Naples.

Work started in 2007 when the Redevelopment Agency partnered with both the San Diego State University Research Foundation and the Aztec Business Alliance to survey merchants and identify the business district's needs and priorities. A series of recommendations include establishing a Broadway business association and implementing a number of new programs: façade renovation; streetscape improvements; marketing and promotions; and an effort to engage businesses in curbing crime—the Safe City Program.

Last September, the City agency moved forward with a number of the project recommendations. The Cape Cod Center, located at Broadway and Moss Streets, was identified for a facade renovation project. Working collaboratively with the property owner, the Redevelopment Agency will provide a grant to assist with expenses. Funds were donated to help with the costs of a utility box mural and for banners along the Broadway commercial district promoting the San Diego Regional Enterprise Zone. Police stepped in to offer business owners environmental design tips that discourage crime and create a safer shopping experience for customers.

Look for the agency to continue its efforts to support and promote Chula Vista's small business community in 2009!



## Nixle Us

Chula Vista has become a showcase city for a new community information service that delivers urgent messages, advisories and community news to subscribers. Check it out at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Click on "login" to view messages that have been reaching Chula Vista residents from Police and the Office of Communications. Soon other departments will be onboard sending messages about their events and special programs.



Nixle is a free service that's designed to help cities stay connected with residents 24/7. Local police departments and government agencies can use Nixle to send out immediate, reliable and time sensitive public safety notifications and community information to residents with computers and cell phones.

Messages to Chula Vistans over the past few weeks include an alert about a missing senior citizen, information about a fraud scheme, notification that passport appointments can be made online and a traffic advisory to warn motorists about a Caltrans road project.

There is no cost to the City to offer the Nixle service to residents.

Nearly four thousand people citywide have already signed up for the service. And there's a promotional effort underway to encourage many thousands more to subscribe.

## Library Creations

Imaginations ran wild in the Chula Vista Library's first ever "Design a Library Card" contest. Stop by the Civic Center branch on F Street to view the impressive work of 37 talented finalists and five first place winners!

More than 200 Chula Vista library cardholders between the ages of four and 73 entered the contest, submitting original designs in their respective categories—grades K-3, 4-6, 7-12 and adult.

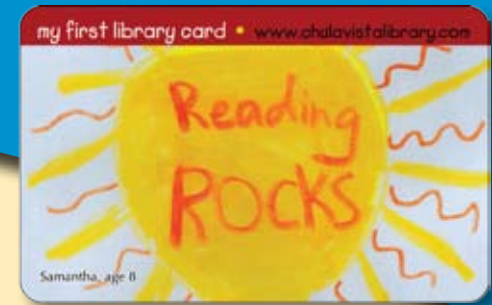
Winners in the four categories plus the recipient of the Mayor's Prize for best overall design, were announced at a special library reception in January.

Two thousand winning cards have been printed for purchase with the proceeds going to the Chula Vista Public Library Foundation. Cards are selling for \$3, so don't forget to stop in and get yours! The foundation hopes to raise \$6,000 to buy new books.

In September, the library announced its "Design a Library Card" contest to all library cardholders. The youngest age group was assigned the theme of "My First Library Card." Fourth graders on up worked with a second theme: "I Love My Library." Final judging in each category included a council member, librarian, City graphic designer, and a community artist/teacher.

"One of the library managers came up with the idea about a year ago, and we felt this was a creative way to build awareness and get people involved," said Scott Love, the library's Public Relations Manager. "This has been a wonderful experience."

Last year, the non-profit Chula Vista Public Library Foundation, raised approximately \$10,000 to buy library books for children and teens. To learn more, visit [www.cvpplfoundation.org](http://www.cvpplfoundation.org) or call (619) 691-5169.



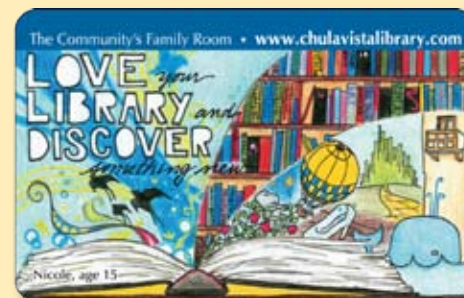
K-3rd grades – Samantha Sinks, age 8  
Tiffany Elementary (DASH participant)



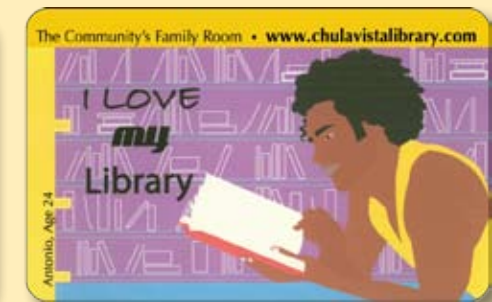
4th-6th grades – Alejandra Ramirez, age 11  
Sacred Heart Parish



7th-12th grades – Gretchen Kasler, age 19  
Seton Home Study



Mayor's Prize – Nicole Bella, age 15  
Hilltop High School



Adult – Antonio del Campo Jr., age 24  
Art Institute of California



## Getting the Message

Law enforcement's aim to get drunk drivers off South Bay streets recently got a boost from a state agency in the form of a \$525,000 grant. Funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety will be used to implement the new DUI Prosecution and Awareness Program. The two-year program allows the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to dedicate one of its prosecutors to focus only on South Bay DUI cases; specifically cases involving death or serious injuries, defendants with prior drunk driving convictions, underage drunk drivers, and certain hit and run crimes. In addition, the program requires that DUI offenders with a prior DUI conviction post bail or remain in jail until arraignment—a change from past procedure.

In an effort to prevent collisions caused by drunk drivers, the grant provides funding for combined law enforcement DUI operations including a series of checkpoints, saturation patrols and warrant sweeps. The program also supports a regional public awareness campaign.

In the City of Chula Vista, five people have died in DUI related collisions over the past five months. Over the past year, the South Bay District Attorney's Office has prosecuted more than 2,200 DUI offenses—a 10% increase over 2007. In 20% of those cases, the defendant had a prior DUI conviction. Clearly, some people are still not getting the message that driving under the influence is illegal.

The DUI Prosecution and Awareness Program also calls for the D.A.'s office and local law enforcement agencies to work together on a regional approach to DUI issues and investigative techniques. Teaming up with the Chula Vista Police Department and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office are the Coronado, National City and San Diego police departments, the San Diego Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol.



## High Tech High Opens LEED Certified Campus

School is now in session at High Tech High Chula Vista! The school, located on university land in the eastern part of the city, will eventually serve 550 students on its LEED certified campus. The first phase of construction on the new campus has been completed, and some students began attending classes there in January.

LEED is a green building rating system that promotes environmental friendly design and construction. High Tech High is expected to be the first LEED certified venture in the City and the first project in California to receive LEED for Schools certification through the U.S. Green Building Council.

What makes the school so special? It incorporates many sustainable design elements including extensive passive ventilation and low toxicity building materials. And don't forget the solar panels. In partnership with SDG&E's Sustained Communities program, High Tech High Chula Vista has a photovoltaic system that produces enough electricity to meet more than the school's annual energy needs.

Coming up this fall is the opening of the Environmental Research Center, a place where High Tech High students can collaborate on a series of projects with university students and instructors. Subjects may include environmental chemistry, horticulture, renewable energy, the local watershed, and functional genomics.

As students and staff begin to stretch out in their new space, High Tech High Chula Vista will continue to expand many of its innovative student programs including the popular student-driven recycling center.

Applications for the next school year are currently being accepted for grades 9 through 11. Visit [www.hightechhigh.org/schools/HTHCV/](http://www.hightechhigh.org/schools/HTHCV/) for information. The application deadline is coming up February 27.







## Special Events



### Digital Television

Don't forget national television viewing is transitioning from analog to digital on Feb. 17. Many U.S. households still rely on analog television sets to pick up over-the-air broadcast signals. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Conservation & Environmental Services at (619) 407-3545.

### Eisenhower Tree Dedication

Chula Vista City Councilman Rudy Ramirez and the Chula Vista Rotary Club invite the community to a dedication ceremony in

honor of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's historic 1960 visit to Chula Vista. To commemorate his visit, a tree and plaque will be dedicated on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. in the City Hall Courtyard at 276 Fourth Avenue.

### State of the City

Mayor Cheryl Cox will present her State of the City address on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue. A light reception will follow the event. All are invited and welcome to attend!

### Cesar E. Chavez Day

The City will be closed Tuesday, March 31 in observance of the Cesar E. Chavez holiday.



### Farmers Market

Start the New Year off right and get those fruits and vegetables into your diet! Visit Chula Vista's certified farmers market to purchase fresh produce and flowers directly from local fields. Also, enjoy a wide variety of delicious specialty and international foods and an array of handcrafted items. The market is open every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. on Center Street off Third Avenue in downtown Chula Vista.



## Angels for Animals

Drop off towels (new or used), blankets (new or used), toys (balls, Kongs, etc.) and newspaper at:

Chula Vista Animal Care Facility: 130 Beyer Way

Chula Vista City Hall: 276 Fourth Avenue

Chula Vista Recreation Centers:

Monteville: 840 Duncan Ranch Road

Heritage: 1381 East Palomar Street

Veterans: 785 East Palomar Street

Parkway: 373 Park Way

Chula Vista Libraries:

South Branch: 389 Orange Avenue

Civic Center Branch: 365 F Street

Eastlake Branch: 1120 Eastlake Parkway

Eastlake Village Vet Clinic: 2260 Otay Lakes Rd. #13

Otay Lakes Veterinary Clinic: 736 Otay Lakes Road

Petco Stores:

878 Eastlake Parkway (in Village Walk)

1142 Broadway

Rolling Hills Pet Hospital: 2457 Fenton Street

South Bay Veterinary Hospital: 1038 Broadway

Telegraph Canyon Animal Hospital:  
577 Telegraph Canyon Road

## Around Town



### Women Entrepreneurs Forum Coming Soon!

A Women Entrepreneurs (WE) Can Succeed business forum will be held this spring, sponsored by the Redevelopment

Agency. The program is being developed to provide a forum for business support, growth, networking and capacity building for women-owned businesses in Chula Vista.

Statistics have shown that in the state of California one of the fastest growing business segments is women-owned. Chula Vista's new WE Business Forum will help to ensure that the specific challenges associated with these businesses are being met. The meetings are planned for every other month; more details soon.

### Need Tax Help?

Members of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be providing free personal tax assistance for residents through April 15 at two library locations.

Tax forms and instruction booklets will also be provided. The service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis during the following times:

- Civic Center Branch, 365 F Street, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



- South Chula Vista Branch, 389 Orange Avenue, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Now Open

New businesses in Chula Vista include **Jimmy's by the Park**, 333 Third Avenue, open daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Just a few doors away on Third, look for **Maya Chiang** cake boutique featuring couture cakes, crepes, tarts, brownies, fine coffees and teas. And the ever popular **In-N-Out Burger** is now open in The Marketplace on EastLake Parkway.

### Expressway News

The South Bay Expressway has recently adjusted the pricing of the toll schedule. The cost of driving the four-lane toll road has increased by 75¢ for drivers paying cash; 50¢ for FasTrak customers.

You can print the new toll schedule at [www.southbayexpressway.com](http://www.southbayexpressway.com).

### Congratulations

Chula Vista Fire Engineer Tim Mehrer has been recognized statewide to receive the Firefighter Gold Medal Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2111 in Chula Vista. Mehrer, a five year employee with the Chula Vista Fire Department, was nominated for his efforts with the Mobile Data Computers (MDC) which are carried on fire engines. The MDC allows dispatch information and mapping to be displayed while en-route to emergencies. Congratulations Tim!



### New Faces

Veteran planner **Jim Sandoval** is Chula Vista's new City Manager.

Sandoval, who served as Chula Vista's Planning Director from July 2003 to June 2008, returned from a brief retirement to assume the City's top administrative post in November. The 53-year old Sandoval's career in municipal government spans 30 years. In 1999, he joined the City of Chula Vista as the Assistant Planning Director. Prior positions include the Director of Planning and Community Development for the cities of Del Mar and Imperial Beach.



**Bart Miesfeld** has been named to the position of Chula Vista City Attorney. Miesfeld, who specializes in litigation, has been an attorney with the city since 1998. As Chula Vista's top litigator, Miesfeld has successfully defended the city in a wide range of lawsuits, saving taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

Certified planner and licensed engineer, **Gary Halbert**, has taken over as the City's Planning Director. Halbert came from the City of Santee where he served as Deputy City Manager and Development Services Director. Previously, he was the Director of Development Services for the City of San Diego.





# Need Valentine's Day Ideas?

**Chula Vista offers something for everyone! Remember by shopping and dining here, your tax dollars help support essential City services and programs.**

Looking for something special for your loved one this Valentine's Day? The **Otay Ranch Town Center** describes itself as the premier destination for all tokens of love and gave CV Connect these suggestions.

Or how about a day of pampering at **Coldwater Creek Spa**? There, your Valentine can be treated to the essential well-being package, which includes a massage, facial and pedicure. Choose the body scrub and hot stone massage, or allow your sweetheart to customize their own treatment with a spa gift card.

The open heart necklace made popular by actress Jane Seymour is offered at **Kay Jewelers**. So is a sterling silver diamond heart necklace or the Le Vian white or yellow gold adjustable heart necklace.

For something warm and cuddly, **Build-A-Bear** is offering a Monkey Valentine Bear, Pink Heart Teddy or Cuddles Heart that allows you to record a special message to your Valentine.

**Serentiy Nail & Spa** presents a European facial or signature facial as well as manicures and pedicures.

Always a favorite, **See's Candies** offers sweets for sweethearts including a red signature satin heart box, or for the younger set, kitty and puppy children's chocolate boxes.

Baubles at **Zales** will make her eyes sparkle just like the diamond heart pendent or the endless diamond heart promise ring.



A delicious delight is awaiting your loved one at **Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory**. Choose from the clear heart or the plush velvet heart box; both feature a dozen chocolate covered strawberries.

Your Valentine will love a trinket from **Ben Bridge Jewelers**. Select from the 14k white gold diamond journey heart pendant or the 14k white gold link bracelet with 14k yellow gold heart shaped link—or both!

And don't forget your furry Valentines! Bring your dogs and cats to **Otay Pet Vets Spa** for grooming specials including bath, nail trims, hair bows or scarf and spa fresh cologne!

Last but not least, stop by **Hallmark** for the perfect Valentine's Day message. Select a musical gift card and record your own personalized message or pick up a mug that plays love songs.





## Visit the Olympic Training Center

February 12 marks the one-year countdown to the U.S. Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver! And would you believe athletes are training in Chula Vista for that competition? It's true. Would-be Olympians are cross training here, getting ready for the Bobsled, Luge, Skiing and Skeleton competition.

The U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista is open to visitors Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the Visitor's Center, you and your family can watch the inspiring Olympic video or shop at the nation's largest Olympic store. Then stroll down the mile long Olympic Path to view the Olympic venues and watch the action as athletes train for their next competition.

Did you know that 409 Olympic medalists have trained and lived right here in Chula Vista? The City of Chula Vista is proud to be home to the only warm-weather, year-round, multi-sport Olympic Training Center in the United States. Built in 1995, it is the first USOC training facility to be master-planned from the ground up and dedicated to the development of America's future Olympic athletes.

Each year, an estimated 4,000 athletes visit the Olympic Training Center to take advantage of the training facilities and services. They come to Chula Vista to train for a variety of Olympic and Paralympic sports—Archery, BMX, Canoe/Kayak, Cycling, Field Hockey, Luge, Rowing, Rugby, Skeleton, Skiing/Snowboard, Soccer, Softball, Speed Skating, Swimming, Track and Field, Triathlon, Volleyball, and Water Polo.

The center rests on 155-acres overlooking the scenic Otay Lakes. The site has the largest outdoor archery range in North America, a 15,000-square foot canoe/kayak and rowing houseboat, four soccer fields, an artificial all-weather field hockey surface, a

400-meter track, softball field and facilities, coaching observation towers, a cycling criterium course and the only permanent BMX training course in the country.

Don't miss an opportunity most Americans would envy—an inside look at the U.S. Olympic spirit.







## Photo Contest

Submit your digital photos—if you win, you'll see your creation featured in the next edition.

(Sorry—no original prints accepted.)

Email your entry to

**[photocontest@chulavistaca.gov](mailto:photocontest@chulavistaca.gov)**

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Photo must be taken in Chula Vista
- Photo quality should be a higher resolution—or large photo at 72 dpi
- File size must be no larger than 4 MB
- Entry must include:
  - Your name and city
  - Photo subject
  - Location (in Chula Vista) where the photo was taken

Your photo will be judged on composition, quality and creativity.

**Good luck!**

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### *This issue's winner:*

Linda Donohue,  
Chula Vista

Taken near Heritage Park in  
Otay Ranch

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*"Who says we don't have fall in  
Southern California?!"*





## Unforgettable Films at the Library

The Chula Vista Library's Independent Film series resumes in February and continues into March with four remarkable films. Award winning films debut on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the Civic Center branch auditorium (365 F Street). Show time is 2 p.m. All films are unrated with subtitles, and recommended for ages 17 and up. For more information, contact the library at (619) 691-5069 or go online at [www.chulavistalibrary.com](http://www.chulavistalibrary.com).

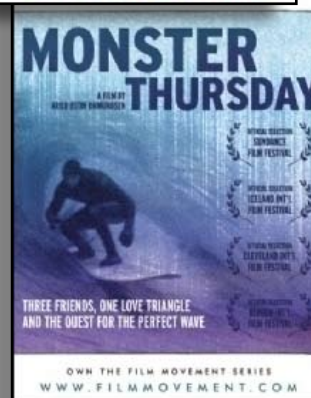
**Feb. 8, *The Grocer's Son*** is a surprise French box-office hit about the coming of age of a young man re-discovering life and love in the Provence countryside. French with English subtitles, 96 min.

**Feb. 22, *Day Break***, based on a compilation of true stories and shot inside Tehran's century-old prison, revolves around the imminent execution of Mansour, a man found guilty of murder. As he awaits death, Mansour is stuck inside the purgatory of his own mind, caught between life and death, retribution and forgiveness. Farsi with English subtitles, 85 min.

**March 8, *The Pope's Toilet*** is an entertaining tale of a small town's preparations for a visit from the Pope and one man's scheme to make money from the crowd. Petty smuggler Beto decides to build a WC in front of his house and charge for its use. His efforts bring about unexpected consequences. Spanish with English subtitles, 97 minutes.

**March 22, *Monster Thursday*** is the story of the luckless Even, in love with his best friend's wife. When the friend, a great surfer, asks him to look after Karen while he's out of town, Even decides to clean up his act and master the waves to impress her. The three characters end up on a collision course with a monster wave. Norwegian with English subtitles, 103 min.

**All library programs are free and open to the public.**



[Click on book to check availability.]

## Too Good to Miss!



**Happy At Last: The Thinking Person's Guide to Finding Joy**  
By Richard O'Connor

Do you want to live the happiest, most satisfying life possible? Does happiness feel like an elusive goal? According to the most recent developments in psychology and science, the brain can be trained to be more receptive to happiness, because staying happy doesn't come naturally. Nor does our society make it easy. In *Happy at*

*Last*, psychotherapist Richard O'Connor offers new thinking about how we attain and maintain happiness, and he shows us that it doesn't necessarily have to come at a high cost or in a big package. Rather, we can be in command of our happiness by learning to control how our minds work so that we can identify and savor the hidden positive aspects of everyday life. To do this, O'Connor provides us with a set of skills that will help us re-wire our brains to allow ourselves more joy.



**Dinner Survival: Cooking for the Rushed**  
By Sandi Richard

Includes 10 weeks of delicious, healthy, complete dinners! "I can climb over the laundry heap, but I can't climb over dinner." Dinner is a lot bigger than food.

It's about family, health—both physical and spiritual—economics, commitment, time and your sanity. And whether you love or hate to cook, chances are you really don't like it much during the workweek. Sandi Richard is a two-time award-winning host of *Fixing Dinner* on Food Network Canada and the Life Network. Sandi takes meal planning into the twenty-first century and takes a hard line on why families really aren't getting back to the dinner table.

But what if everything was organized for you, from shopping lists to 10 weeks of meals? What if you could involve everyone in the process, from choosing menus to helping get food to the table? What if each meal just took as little as 20 minutes to prepare?

# Get Active - Be Healthy!



## *Health Fair for Seniors*

On Wednesday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., join the Norman Park Senior Center and Scripps Health for a celebration of healthy lifestyles for seniors. Take part in a variety of screenings that are important to all of us as we age—blood pressure, cholesterol and body fat. Gather health and wellness information from local providers. Enjoy refreshments and receive a free T-shirt and goody bag. This event is free of charge. For more information and registration, call 1-800-Scripps or (619) 691-5086.

## *Are Aquatics for You?*

This spring, consider participating in the Recreation Department's award winning aquatics program that reaches out to people of all ages.

Over spring break, the **Parkway Family Aquatic Center** will host the third annual Aqua Camp, a Junior Lifeguard program that includes a healthy eating component. Campers, ages 9 to 14, will learn to prepare healthy lunches and snacks, while getting a taste of life as a first responder. The camp cost \$115 and includes police and fire station tours and an introduction to lifeguarding, competitive swimming, water polo, snorkeling, and much more. Registration starts March 2. Learn more at [www.chulavistaca.gov/rec](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/rec) or call (619) 691-5088.

Also at Parkway, learn what you need to become a swim instructor at the Water Safety Instructor course, which begins April 6. The cost is \$125, plus an additional \$70 for books and supplies once participants pass the pre-testing.

Our **Loma Verde Family Aquatic Center** will host a Lifeguard Academy, starting March 7. Participants will receive the training and certifications necessary to become a lifeguard at any facility in the United States. The camp costs \$100, plus an additional \$95 for books and supplies for those who pass the pre-testing. Scholarships are available through the San Diego County Aquatic Council.

## *Be A City Lifeguard*

Are you looking for a career change or a summer job? The City of Chula Vista is currently accepting applications for lifeguards and swim instructors.

The Aquatic Division will host employment tryouts on March 21, April 11 and May 2 at the Loma Verde Family Aquatic Center. Candidates must submit an application and possess the required certifications. Questions? Contact Manuel Gonzalez at (619) 691-5099.

## *Learn How to Swim*

Get a 15% discount this spring on swim lessons offered by the Recreation Department. Everyone from infants and toddlers to teenagers and adults can take advantage of the most affordable swim lessons in San Diego County. Register for classes beginning March 2. For a complete listing of classes, visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/rec](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/rec) or call (619) 691-5099.

## *A New Year's Save*

When Chula Vista's two city pools were left high and dry by a new federal law, the media and a pool equipment manufacturer came to the rescue. The new law that went into effect in late December required the installation of special anti-drowning drain covers on all public pools in the United States. But the covers were in short supply. Cities scrambled to purchase the drain covers, but the equipment was unavailable. Chula Vista was forced to close its pools—but not for long.

An investigative reporter from Channel 10 contacted a local drain cover manufacturer about our dilemma, and he and his company stepped in to help. Olaf Mjelde, co-founder of Aqua Star, donated the drains needed to re-open Chula Vista's pools, saying he did it "for the kids." The donated equipment and installation saved the City \$7,000.

## *Lego Workshops at Monteville*

Playing with Legos is a popular creative outlet for children. In March, the Monteville Community Center is sponsoring two great workshops put on by Play-well Teknologies for all Lego lovers. A workshop March 21 is limited to Kindergarten age students. The second session March 28 is for kids, ages 7 through 12. Contact (619) 691-5269 for more information.





## Helpful Connections

Animal Control	619-691-5123
Budget & Analysis	619-691-5049
City Attorney	619-691-5037
City Clerk	619-691-5041
City Council	619-691-5044
City Manager	619-691-5031
Communications and Media Relations	619-691-5296
Environmental Services	619-691-5122
Engineering	619-691-5021
Finance	619-691-5250
Fire	619-691-5055
Human Resources	619-691-5096
Job Hotline	619-691-5095
Library	619-691-5069
Nature Center	619-409-5900
Building Division	619-691-5272
Planning Division	619-691-5101
Police	619-691-5151
Public Works Operations	619-397-6000
Purchasing	619-691-5141
Redevelopment & Housing	619-691-5047
Recreation	619-409-5979
Special Events Hotline	619-585-5682
Transit Division	619-397-6059

**Service Requests** 619-397-6000  
[www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/servicerequest](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/servicerequest)

### CITY SERVICES (CHULA VISTA)

Park Reservations:	619-397-6197 <a href="http://www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/parkreservation">www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/parkreservation</a>
Graffiti Hotline	619-691-5198
Graffiti IN PROGRESS	911
Graffiti Abatement Program Info Online	<a href="http://www.chulavistaca.gov/City_Services/Community_Services/Public_Works_Operations/Traffic_sign/graffiti.asp">http://www.chulavistaca.gov/City_Services/Community_Services/Public_Works_Operations/Traffic_sign/graffiti.asp</a>
Report Crime	619-691-5151 <a href="http://www.chulavistapd.org">www.chulavistapd.org</a>
Local Environmental Info	<a href="http://www.chulavistaca.gov/clean">www.chulavistaca.gov/clean</a>
Code Enforcement Info Desk	619-691-5280
Chula Vista Police Community Relations	619-691-5127
Household Hazardous Waste Program Info	619-691-5122
Passport Appointment Line	619-409-1949

### LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.chulavistachamber.org">www.chulavistachamber.org</a>
Chula Vista Elementary School District	<a href="http://www.cvesd.k12.ca.us">www.cvesd.k12.ca.us</a>
Chula Vista Community Collaborative	<a href="http://www.chulavistacc.org">www.chulavistacc.org</a>
South Bay Community Services	<a href="http://www.southbaycommunityservices.org">www.southbaycommunityservices.org</a>
County of San Diego	<a href="http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us">www.co.san-diego.ca.us</a>
Port of San Diego	<a href="http://www.portofsandiego.org">www.portofsandiego.org</a>
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)	<a href="http://www.sandag.cog.ca.us">www.sandag.cog.ca.us</a>
San Diego Better Business Bureau	<a href="http://www.sandiego.bbb.org">www.sandiego.bbb.org</a>
San Diego Gas and Electric	<a href="http://www.sdge.com">www.sdge.com</a>
San Diego Union-Tribune (San Diego daily newspaper)	<a href="http://www.signonsandiego.com">www.signonsandiego.com</a>
South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC)	<a href="http://www.sandigosouth.com">www.sandigosouth.com</a>
Southwestern College	<a href="http://www.swc.cc.ca.us">www.swc.cc.ca.us</a>
Sweetwater Union High School District	<a href="http://www.suhsd.k12.ca.us">www.suhsd.k12.ca.us</a>
Third Avenue Village Association	<a href="http://www.cvdba.com">www.cvdba.com</a>
Franchise Tax Board	<a href="http://www.ftb.ca.gov">www.ftb.ca.gov</a>
Local News, Weather, Traffic & Media	<a href="http://www.homeport-sd.com/news">www.homeport-sd.com/news</a>
South Bay Municipal Courthouse	619-691-4728
Small Claims Court (South Bay Courthouse)	619-691-4439
Traffic Court (South Bay Courthouse)	619-691-4726
Jury Duty (South Bay Courthouse)	619-236-2677